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## RE PORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen, Town Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1873.

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## Selectmen's Report.

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### *The Selectmen in account with the Town of Plymouth, for the Year 1872.*

DR.

To Cash hired, Town Notes given,	\$4 024 50
"    Received of John Keniston, agent to sell the Town Farm, being the balance in his hands as per report accepted by the town,	149 89
To Cash Received from the State balance above	
"    \$10 000 "municipal war bonds,"	91 67
"    for Circus License,	15 00
"    balance Wm. C. Thompson's high- way tax 1870	4 30
"    from the County for the support of paupers and transients	130 30
"    Railroad, Literary and Bank Tax,	1 944 73
"    J. F. & W. F. Langdon note,	695 35
"    State Bonds sold,	1 524 05
"    Coupons of State Bonds July 1st. 1872, and July 1st. 1873.	561 00
"    Mrs. Moses property,	84 64
"    Sale of 7 lots in the Cemetery,	105 00
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	\$9 330 43

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By Cash paid Treasurer, \$9 330 43

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## Treasurer's Report.

*CYRUS KENISTON, Treasurer,*

In account with the town of Plymouth,

1872.

*Dr.*

To assessment of State, County, Town and School Taxes, on residents,	\$9 050 27
Assessment of State, County, Town, School and High-way Taxes on non-residents,	116 64
Assessment of Tax on Dogs.	76 00
Assessment of special Tax in Dist. No. 2,	730 88
Cash received from the Treasurer of 1871,	2 075 17
Uncollected Taxes in hands of Collector of 1869,	200 82
" " " " 1870,	258 19
" " " " 1871,	2 693 18
Cash received of the Selectmen of 1872	9 330 43
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	\$24 531 58

*CYRUS KENISTON, Treasurer,*

in account with the town of Plymouth.

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Abatement of Taxes assessed in 1869,	\$57 28
" " " in 1870,	104 13
" " " in 1871,	68 52
Abatement of Taxes assessed in 1872.	
F. S. Macintosh, paid in Boston,	2 20
John Cate, paid in Rumney,	3 52
Sidney A. Merrill, paid in Gilmanton,	2 20
" " special Tax in Dis. No. 2,	38
Russell & Keniston, abatement on Real Estate,	8 80
" " " special tax in Dis. No. 2,	1 50
Joseph W. Elkins, paid in Wilmot,	2 20
Samuel Elkins, paid in Wilmot,	2 20

Widow C. B. Adams, abated,	2 20
Asa D. Bridgman, "	2 20
Amos Hadly, paid in Concord,	2 20
" " special tax in Dis. No. 2,	38
Freeman Davis, paid in Massachusetts,	2 20
Widow Samuel Stevens, abated,	2 20
Lucius M. Scott, student and not taxable,	2 20
" " special tax in Dis. No. 2,	38
Martin Huzzy, over taxed on real estate,	2 70
E. A. Moulton, taxed in Bridgwater,	2 20
Peter Whittemore. abatement on Real Estate.	2,20
Ichabod B. Whittemore, paid in Lowell,	2 20
Arthur Ward, abatement, overtaxed on real estate,	4 40
George N. Ward, "	1 00
Anson Merrill, Agent to manage the lawsuits of the town in 1868, 1869 & 1871,	31 99
Joseph Burrows, services as Attorney, 1871,	36 25
" " " " 1872,	10 50
Seth Doton and Plummer Fox, Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1872,	5 00
Moses C. Corlis, blacksmith work done in 1870,	6 93
Silas W. Davis, money paid out for plotting and work on Cemetery,	137 75
" " services as agent in regard to Cemetery,	25 00
Joseph Clark, labor, and paid out for Cemetery,	54 12
Drury F. Cummings, labor on " "	31 37
Charles Haselton, labor on " "	19 50
Van N. Bass, Printing Deeds and Records, " "	19 00
H. B. Marden, pasturing on account of Cemetery not being fenced,	10,00
Amasa W. Avery, boards for Tomb	3,60
Jason Clark, bill for iron work on " "	13 00
Joseph Clark, labor and paid out for " "	120 52
Chase F. Clifford, labor on " "	16 00
Simeon Eastman, stone work for " "	4 00
J. P. Pattee, labor on " "	27 12
Charles C. Smart Brick for " "	120 00
B. C. & M. Railroad, freight on brick for " "	15 35
Gilmore Houston, horse keeping for J. P. Pattee while at work on " "	4 50
Webster, Hull & co. lime and cement for " "	14 63
John H. Mudgett, making door frame for " "	2 50
Coupons payable previous to Jan. 1, 1873, " " "	37 92
	2 596 65

Notes against the town taken up,		5 628 82
Endorsed on notes against the town,		3 327 33
N. H. Asylum for the insane, for support of		
Adams and Shute	446 25	
" " " " Solon Currier,	26 90	
Expense of sending the money,		1 02
John F. Sanborn, journey and expense to Concord		
with Solon Currier,	10 10	
Joseph W. Preston, going to Woodstock after		
Solon Currier,	5 00	
J. W. Campbell, board and taking care of S. Currier,	10 00	
Samuel F. Jewell wood for Mrs. C. B. Adams,	21 00	
Towu of Gilford, sickness and funeral expenses of		
Mrs. Geo. Batchelder,	38 00	
Tristam Rogers, medical attendance Heber Hanscom,	8 00	
Malissa Sanborn, board of Mrs. Hanscom,	43 71	
Webster. Hull & Co. store billfor	23 06	
Jonathan Ferren, board of	Melvina Kimball, 152 60	
Rufus Hammond, board of	" "	26 92
Webster, Hull & Co. goods for	" "	1 90
Sally T. Perkins, bed coverings for	" "	1 75
Joseph W. Preston, medical attendance	" "	1 25
Seth Doton, bills paid out for support of Mrs. Moses,	18 70	
Richard G. Stearns, board of	" "	22 56
Wm. W. Gibson, bills paid out an acct.	" "	86 73
Joseph W. Preston, medical attendance	" "	2 50
William Chase, carrying Mrs. Moses to Bristol,		1 50
Cyrus Corlis, selling Mrs. Moses property,		2 50
Wm. W. Gibson, wood for Mis. Stearns,		5 50
Moses Sargent, sawing wood for	" "	1 00
Joseph W. Preston, medical attendance, Adeline W.		
Stevens	19 50	
Webster, Hull & Co. goods for	" "	2 02
Cyrus Corlis, paid out for	Silvester J. Webber,	2 00
Simeon Eastman, services rendered for	" "	5 00
Joseph W. Preston, medical attendance	" "	5,50
A. R. Melendy shirt and laying out	" "	2 50
John T Cutter & Sons, coffin and robe	" "	13 75
William Webber, assistance,		90 00
Atkinson & Smith, wood for	Wm. Webber,	4 50
Webster, Hull & Co. wood for	" "	4 00
John Boynton, wood and sawing for	" "	9 37
A. G. Smyth & Son, store bill for	" "	7 88
Wm. L. Horner, for transient,		3 75
Joseph W. Preston, for transient,		3 70

Seth Doton, for transient	6 50
"    journey and expenses on pauper business,	16 80
"    services as overseer of the poor for 1872,	18 00
Drury F. Cummings, perambulating town line	
in 1871,	4 00
"    two day surveying highways in 1872.	4 00
Van N. Bass, printing town reports for 1871 & '72	36 00
"    "    and stationery for 1872 & '73	14 12
Joseph W. Preston, printing and posting up school notices for 1872,	5 00
John F. Morton, paid Parker S. Burley, and Warren Pressey for police services at the Fair of 1871,	12 00
Manson S. Brown, police services at the Fair of 1871	
and nights at the village,	12 00
Police service at the Fair of 1872,	6 00
E. A. Adams, " " " "	4 00
George H. Corliss, " " " "	4 00
Samuel H. Palmer, police service to April 1, 1873,	8 50
John F. Sanborn, " " from April 1872	
to March 1873,	17 50
Calvin Clark, public watering trough two years,	6 00
Charles E. Goss, " " " "	3 00
Benj. F. Gould, " " " "	3 00
Harvey & Plummer, " " " "	3 00
Charles, H. Morrill, " " " and gravel for highway,	6 00
Joseph W. Preston, record of births and deaths,	3 50
John Nutting, working out non resident highway tax against A. L. Haines for 1871,	5 00
John Clark, for working out non resident highway tax in dist No. 5 and 19,	6 50
Hermon L. Sargent, breaking roads in 1871 and '72	3 00
Jona J. Nutting, breaking roads in " "	3 00
Webster, Hull & Co. Iron bar to replace one lost on the highway in 1871,	1 50
William H. Adams, breaking roads from Feb. 19, to April 23, 1872,	16 65
William P. Beedee, breaking roads in 1871,	16 40
Benj. Kidder, " " 1871 & '72	28 65
Isaac Huckins, " " " "	3 00
"    breaking roads March & Apr "	6 15
Wm. A. Draper, working on highway spring 1872,	6 30
John A. Drake, breaking roads in spring, "	22 47
Moses Pervier, breaking roads in spring of "	8 68
Kimball C. Corlis, " " " "	19 50

Hermon L. Saigent " " "	2 00
Samuel F. Nutting, breaking roads, "	21 30
Otis Young, Jr. work on highway in spring, of 1872,	11 00
John X. Brown, making roads,	24 49
James Keeble, work on highway in the winter of 1872 and use of hearse for S. J. Webber,	24 00
James G. Smith, work on highway, in 1871 & '72	16 09
David R. Bartlett, " "	8 50
John Chandler, " "	4 00
Moses Pervier, repairing highway in 1872,	4 25
John C. Gilpatrick, work on highway.	5 25
Andrew J. Hawkins, work on the Cummings Hill road in sept. 1872,	1 50
Wm. W. Gibson, building two abutments, of the Morrison Bridge,	125 00
" repairing Pervier highway and build- ing Donavan bridge,	68 77
William D. Blodgett, repairing the David R. Bart- lett hill road,	25 00
" plank, timber and work on highway in his district in 1872 and breaking roads in winter of 1872 & '73	110 69
A. Favor, work on Pike hill district in 1872,	14 75
" Breaking roads in winter of " and 1873,	33 08
Oliver Avery, " " " "	9 60
Wm. W. Gibson, " in Oliver Avery's dist.	2 55
David R. Bartlett, " in winter of 1872 & '73,	11 70
John X. Brown, " " " "	38 42
Jona. L. Clay, work on highway in 1872 and breaking roads in winter of 1872 and '73	24 98
Kimball C. Corlis, " " "	15 95
Chase F. Clifford, " " "	3 37
George W. Garland, " " "	9 10
Dana Fifield " "	5 17
W. George, money paid out for breaking roads in winter of 1872 and 1873, " "	8 98
John C. Gilpatrick, breaking roads " "	31 20
Timothy Hammond, " " "	3 75
Jona J. Nutting, " " "	5 00
Moses Pervier, " " "	14 09
Hermon L. Sargent, " " "	23 35
Woodbury F. Langdon, breaking roads in Sargent and Wells's dist.	28 80
Enos Stevens, breaking roads in winter of 1872 & '73, " "	7 50
Henry Wells, " " "	56 74

Cyrus Corliss; shoveling snow from bridges,	8 50
John Nutting plank furnished Benjmin Kidder, 1871,	27 55
"    "    plank and timber furnished dis. No. 8, and labor in 1872,	26 74
Wm. B. Ames, plank for H. L. Sargent's highway dist.	9 64
Ezekiel E. Merrill, lumber furnished the town and snowing Smith's Bridge,	32 66
Russell & Batchelder, land taken for highway,	15 00
Robert Mitchell, land damage in widening summer st. "    "    damage to wagon near C. G. Batchel- elders shop in 1870,	4 00
"    "    damage to his property in the village highway dist in 1871,	10 00
S. S. Mitchell, damage to sled from defective highway,	30 00
Thomas Wyatt Jr., "    "    "    "	1 50
School Money to the several school districts,	2 50
Literary " for 1872 for all the dists except No. 7,	1 702 10
"    "    to school dists No. 1, 2, & 7, for 1871,	142 50
Van N. Bass, school books for indigent children,	45,00
Hermon L. Sargent, superintendin ; school committee for the year ending March 13, 1872,	1 70
David R. Bartlett, sheep killed by dogs,	55 00
Wm. A. Draper, "    "    "	11 00
Washington George, "    "    "	20 00
Henry C. Homan, "    "    "	20 00
Jona J. Nutting, "    "    "	24 00
Henry Wells, "    "    "	11 50
George W. Garland, "    "    "	4 00
County Tax,	4 00
Express on the same,	1 920 15
State Tax,	1 25
Lucius M. Howe, part special tax in dis No. 2,	1 203 00
Washington George, adm'r use of Cook's Hall to March 1, 1873,	649 01
Otis Young Jr. use of lobby,	55 00
John R. Clark, services rendered,	8 00
John T. Cutter, paid for copy of deed of town farm in '71	1 00
Cyrus Corliss, services as selectman,	63
Wm. W. Gibson "    "    "	108 00
"    "    horse hire,	127 00
Seth Doton, services as selectman,	6 00
"    "    stationery and stamps,	129 00
F. W. A. Robie. services as town clerk for 1872,	1,83
Cyrus Keniston, services as treasurer including the custody and sale of state bonds,	50 00
	100 00

Cyrus Keniston, journey to Concord to receive state bonds,	6 50
" stationery used,	1 50
" counterfeit bill received from treasurer of 1871,	2 00
Wm. G. Rogers, services as collector for 1872,	100 00
paid for printing tax notices,	4 00
Taxes in E. K. Smith's hands, collector for 1869	
March 1, 1873,	109 26
Taxes in D. C. Wheeler's hands collector for 1870	
March 1, 1873,	120 06
Taxes in D. C. Wheeler's hands collector for 1871	
March 1, 1873,	898 36
Taxes in hands of Wm. G. Rogers, collector for 1872	
March 1, 1873,	1 391 29
Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	457 35
	Total \$24 531 58

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending March 1, 1873, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. M. HOWE,  
W. GEORGE,     } Auditors.

Plymouth, March 1, 1873.

### Indebtedness of Town March 1, 1873.

Notes and interest to March 1, 1873	\$31 910 58
Bonds outstanding,	4 480 00
Interest on the same to March 1, 1873,	44 80
Outstanding Coupons,	52 24
Literary money due dist. No. 7,	15 00
Due Supt. school committee for 1872,	55 00
Due N. H. Asylum for the insane for support of Adams, Shute and Currier to March 1, 1873,	55,00
" for liquor in Boston,	39 00
" Express bill for same,	1 60
" Russell's & Webster, land for highway,	4 00
" Alfred Kelley, land for highway,	5 00

Due State Normal School, land for highway, 12 00  

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## Assets of the Town March 1, 1873.

Due from collector	1865,	120 00
" "	1866,	145 29
" "	1869,	109 26
" "	1870,	120 06
" "	1871,	898 36
" "	1872,	1 391 29
" " County,		3 71
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		457 35
State Bonds, [par value,		8 500 00
Interest to March 1, on the same,		85 00
J. F. & W. F. Langdon, note and interest,		703 00
Liquors and Casks on hand,		44 00
Brick purchased for tomb and not used, estimated at		52 00
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		\$12 629 32

## Remarks of the Selectmen.

The town has paid the past year, orders issued by the Selectmen of 1871 and not reported as outstanding March 1, 1872 to the amount of \$81 80  
Old Coupons not reported outstanding. 37 92

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Also three notes not mentioned in the list of a total 1

Also three notes not mentioned in the list of outstanding notes March 1, 1872 on which was then due, 595 16  
The Selectmen added four other notes to

The Selectmen have added four other notes to the list of outstanding notes which were not on the list of notes March 1, 1872 on which was then due, 855 75

Also rec'd one hundred dollars less then reported  
March 1, 1872 on State Bonds 100 00

SETH DOTON,  
CYRUS CORLISS,  
WM. W. GIBSON, } Selectmen  
of  
Plymouth.

Plymouth, March 1, 1873.

## To the Selectmen of Plymouth, N. H.

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In compliance with the requirements of the laws of this state, I hereby submit my annual report as Superintending School Committee of this town.

The following Table contains items of interest to the several Districts.

No. of Districts.	Names of Prudential Committee.	No. of Terms.	Names of Teachers employed.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. of Schools.	Public Money. Town.	Railroad and Library.	Average Attendance.	No. of Tardy Marks.	Whole half a day.	No. of scholars not ab-	sent half a day.	
1	Daniel C. Wheeler.	1	A. C. Sargent,	\$22,00	\$164,80	20	15	36	0				
		2	A. A. Blanchard,	10	28,00	30	16	24	0				
		1	Lucia M. Scott,	10	45,00	41	23	87	2				
2	L. M. Howe,	1	M. Jennie Stoddards,	10	44,00	40	28	26	3				
		2	Emma W. Cox,	10	40,00	704,97	38	32	12	4			
		2	Emma J. Thompson,	10	40,00	44	34	20	10				
		3	Mary E. Clement,	10	48,00	49	43	195	10				
		3	Emma J. Thompson,	10	40,00	38	30	54	0				
		1	Louise V. George	7	24,00	172,47	21	20	12	0			
3	H. Philbrick.	2	"	6 1-2	24,00	90,87	17	15	40	2			
4	David R. Bartlett.	2	Anna G. Morse,	6 1-2	24,00	74,92	11	9	20	3			
5	Chas. A. Draper,	2	C. E. Dearborn,	7	24,00	168,26	13	10	31	1			
6	J. D. Stalford,	1	N. Ella Wilkinson,	12	26,00	26	26	169	2				
7	Benj. Kidder,	1	Irene S. Clark,	9	26,00	168,26	26	19	81	0			
8	John A. Drake,	2	Hattie C. Russell,	13	31,00	56,20	8	6	12	0			
		1	C. E. Dearborn,	11	22,00	98,02	16	14	23	6			
		1	Ella A. Clark,	8	24,00	30,00	20	19	115	1			
		2	H. R. Bedee,	10	30,00	121,38	19	16	11	3			
		1	M. A. Homans,	8	28,20	8	28,00	20	15	31	1		
		2	Louise V. George,	8	28,00								
		1	Martha M. Clark,	8	21,00								
		2	Martha M. Clark,	12	25,00								
	James Rogers, &				155,12								
	(i. W. Griswold,				23								

By reference to the preceeding table, most of the items of interest, connected with School Districts will be seen.

The whole number of scholars in town, attending the schools two weeks and upwards is 292. The whole amount of money appropriated for the use of schools in town for the year, is \$1 859 10.

I feel to congratulate generally the several school districts in their choice of teachers; the most of them were well selected; none have approached a failure, but, on the contrary, most of them have been very successful. Some of the teachers had a happy faculty of directing the minds of their pupils in the thorough treatment of one branch of study; others in that of another; and while some excelled in discipline, others were hardly equal to the task. But where all the teachers were so faithful, competent and energetic, and the scholars, with a few exceptions, so orderly and obedient, it is entirely unnecessary for your Committee to particularize each individual case. Moreover, I now think that the report of the Superintending School Committee should be confined to matters of more importance than the specific criticism of teachers.

But allow me to direct your attention to matters that are really important. First, with regard to the multiplicity of Text Books. I am sorry to say there has been no improvement since my last report, but the reverse. I now find in the schools, Hillards and the Analytical Readers. Of Arithmetics, I find a large variety: Colburn's, Robinson's, Eaton's Primary, Intellectual, Practical and Common School; and Greenleaf's Primary, Intellectual, Practical, Common School and National. In one district, fourteen pupils are reported to me as attending to Arithmetic, with six different works on the subject. In another school, I find the same number of works used in nine different classes. This is not as it should be. No teacher can interest a class, or do justice to a recitation, by devoting to it less than thirty minutes.

The idea of having nine different classes in Arithmetic, which should take at least four hours and a half in their recitations, leaving but one hour and half for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, and recesses, seems to your Committee to be preposterous. Is it any thing strange that your children do not learn faster, with such a multiplicity of classes? Of Grammars, too, we have a variety: Weld and Quackenbos, Quackenbos', Greens, Browns and Kerls. Of Geographies, there are Cornells, and Guyots series, and Montieaths. Some have said to me, why do you not make things different? My answer is: because parents get vexed if the subject

of a change of School Books is spoken of. They seem to think that if they have to spend a dollar or two for new books, when they have some old ones on hand, their money is thrown away.

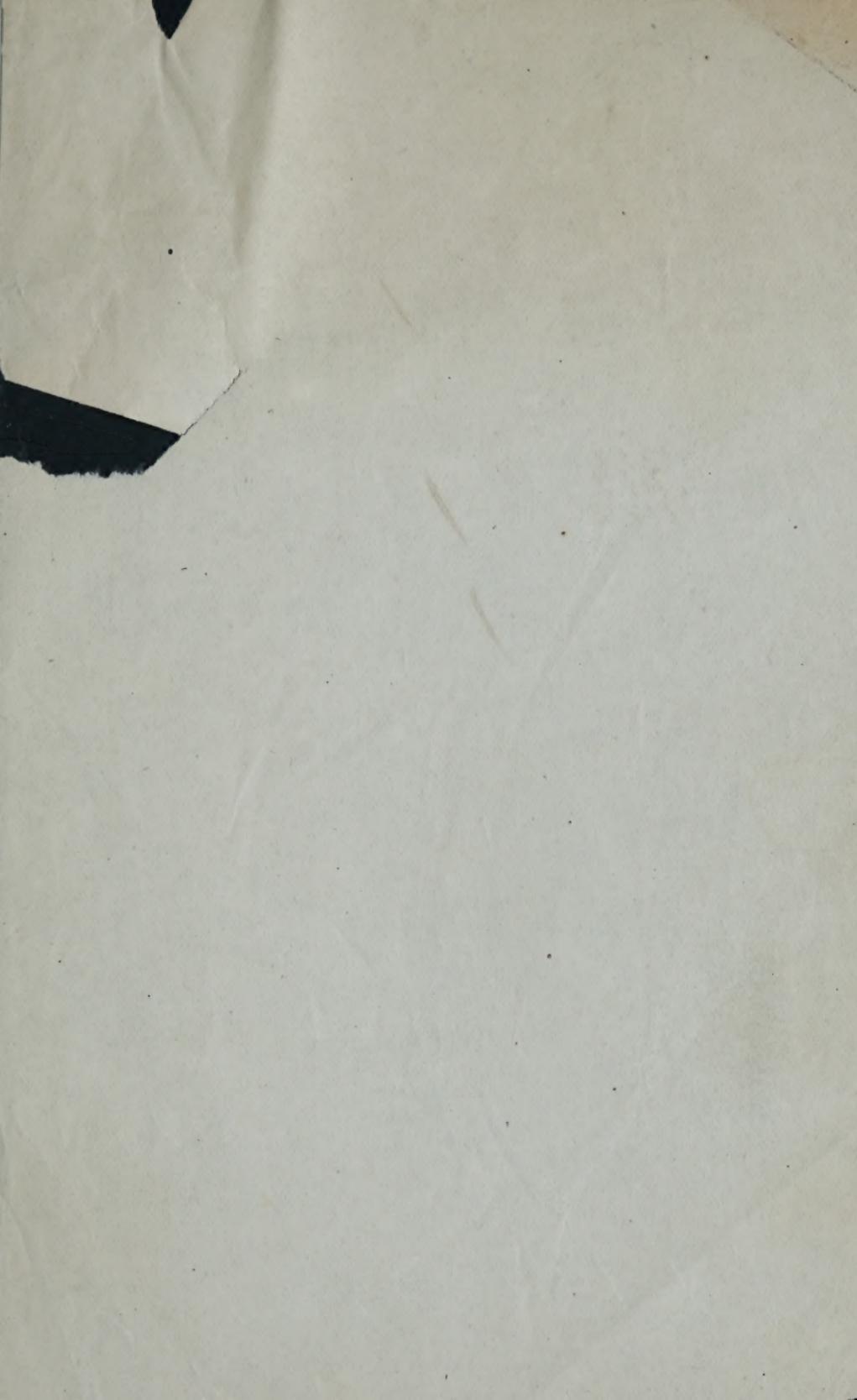
I believe a scholar will learn more from a new book than an old one, even if the new one is no better in matter or style. But there, is not where lies the principal advantage. The number of classes is reduced and thus time is gained in which the teacher can explain and illustrate the several studies. Then, again, new ideas are being constantly sought after, and introduced into our books, and if properly taught, they will materially advance the education of our children.

Too little time is devoted in our common schools to Composition and Declamations. Some without doubt think these exercises are useless. The correct and effective expression of our thoughts, in the English language either orally or in writing, is of the first importance, and should be a prominent object in Common School education. Other great, though incidental, benefits to be derived from composition, are the continued practice of Penmanship, and the practical knowledge of the proper use of capital letters. By declamation, the pupil not only acquires a force and distinctness of enunciation by which his reading is improved, but his memory is also cultivated and with a proper selection of pieces, the noblest sentiments of literature may be forever fixed in his mind, to guide, control and elevate his future life.

But notwithstanding the schools have been so good, they are not what they should be: nor what your Committee would like to see them. They should be better, and might be, I think, if the suggestions already made in this report were adopted. Still, there has been a marked improvement within the last five years, both in teachers and pupils, especially where they have availed themselves of the benefits to be derived from our State Normal School.

J. W. PRESTON, S. S. Committee.

Plymouth, N. H., March 1, 1873.



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